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1. WE BRIEFED FONOFF (KOEPE) ON US PLANS TO ACCEPT
15,000 INDOCHINESE REFUGEES (REFTELS A, B AND C).
KOEPE SAID THAT US ACTION WOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARD
AMELIORATING SITUATION BUT AGREED THAT BROADENED
INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE IS ONLY REAL SOLUTION.

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2. ONLY TWO OF THE FRG LAENDER (STATES)--NORDRHEIN
WESTFALEN AND BAYERN--HAVE YET TO APPROVE THE FRG
PROPOSAL TO ACCEPT 200 MORE INDOCHINESE REFUGEES.
KOEPE BLAMED THE DELAY ON SUMMER HOLIDAYS AND SAID
HE EXPECTED APPROVAL FROM BOTH REMAINING LAENDER
"WITHIN A FORTNIGHT OF THE END OF THE VACATION SEASON,"
I.E. BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER. THESE 200 SPACES WILL

MOST LIKELY BE DIVIDED 50:50 BETWEEN FAMILY REUNION AND BOAT CASES. HOWEVER, THERE IS PRESSURE FROM THE LAENDER, HE SAID, TO INCREASE THE PROPORTION ALLOTTED TO FAMILY REUNIFICATION CASES.

3. ACCORDING TO KOEPKE, THE FRG HAS CONTRIBUTED APPROXIMATELY \$US 2.8 MILLION (DM 6.5 MILLION) TO UNHCR INDOCHINESE REFUGEE EFFORTS THROUGH THE END OF 1976. REF B LISTS FRG CONTRIBUTION AT \$US 1,979,000. WHILE FRG FIGURE INCLUDES CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS NOT INCLUDED IN REFTEL AMOUNT--SUCH AS AID TO UNHCR-SPONSORED HEALTH PROGRAMS WITHIN THE SRV--KOEPKE COULD NOT EXPLAIN SUBSTANTIAL DIVERGENCE IN FIGURES AND UNDERTOOK TO CHECK INTO THE MATTER.

4. COMMENT: POLITICAL ASYLUM CASES (WHICH INCLUDE INDOCHINESE REFUGEES) ARE ONLY THIRD ON THE LIST OF FRG RESETTLEMENT PRIORITIES. FIRST COME ETHNIC GERMANS RESETTLING IN THE FRG FROM EASTERN EUROPE. SECOND ARE THE NEARLY 2 MILLION FOREIGN WORKERS WHO, TOGETHER WITH THEIR FAMILIES, MUST BE ASSIMILATED INTO FRG SOCIETY. (THE CHILDREN OF THESE WORKERS ARE CAUSING SOME SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITHIN THE SCHOOL SYSTEMS AND JUVENILE JUSTICE BUREAUS.) AT THE SAME TIME, UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE FRG REMAINS AT A POLITICALLY UNACCEPTABLE 4.3 PERCENT AND ECONOMIC GROWTH SEEMS TO

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BE STAGNATING. VIEWED IN THIS LIGHT, THE FRG PROPOSAL TO ACCEPT 200 MORE REFUGEES IS PERHAPS THE MOST TO BE EXPECTED.

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